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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination Applicants respectfully request entry of the substitute paper copy and computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith for the instant application. Furthermore, applicants request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--In a preferred embodiment, cells, tissue or organs are contacted with an immunoprotecting amount of an Hsp47-related immunoprotective polypeptide. In one aspect, the polypeptide comprises the sequence AX<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>3</sub>AX<sub>4</sub>X<sub>5</sub>X<sub>6</sub>R (SEQ ID NO:1). In this preferred embodiment, X<sub>1</sub> is V, L, A or T, X<sub>2</sub> is L or H, X<sub>3</sub> is S or V, X<sub>4</sub> is D or E, X<sub>5</sub> is Q, K or R, and X<sub>6</sub> is L or V. In another aspect, the polypeptide comprises the sequence AX<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>3</sub>AEQLR (SEQ ID NO:29), where X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub> and X<sub>3</sub> can be any amino acid. In a particularly preferred embodiment the polypeptide comprises the sequence AVLSAEQLR (SEQ ID NO:3). Polypeptides containing

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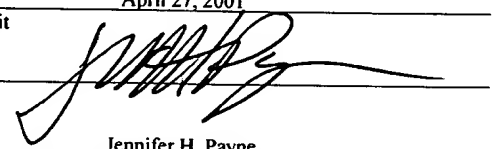
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